



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 4, 2004

H.R. 4158

A bill to provide for the conveyance to the government of Mexico of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 19, 2004

H.R. 4158 would direct the Secretary of Commerce to convey without consideration the WHITING, a decommissioned survey vessel, to the government of Mexico. Based on information provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, CBO estimates that conveying the WHITING would not result in any significant cost to the federal government. Because the decommissioned ship might have been sold in the absence of this legislation, the conveyance to Mexico could cause the government to forgo offsetting receipts, but CBO expects that any loss would be less than \$500,000.

The legislation would impose no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.